

Larson Report

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Personnel (Vice-Chair)

Parks, Energy and Environment

Transportation,
Public Works and
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would help make Milwaukee County Government more accessible to you?

Please call me or send me an email with your thoughts.

Dear Constituent,

A famous man once said: "The more we do, the more we can do; the more **busy** we are, the more **leisure** we have." As you'll find in this edition of the *Larson Report* there is plenty to keep you busy! There's the Wilson Park Neighborhood Association Earth Day Cleanup on April 22, a chance to become a TV star, updates on the College Avenue construction, and much more. Also, make sure to check out the *Easter Egg-Citement* article in this e-newsletter, it's something your kids should not miss!

In this issue of the Larson Report you'll find:

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Survey Results:

The survey results from my last <u>Newsletter</u> are in and online <u>here!</u>
Thank you all for the input you gave. I also encourage you to keep it coming! Please don't hesitate to contact me about these or any other issues related to Milwaukee County. One of the greatest strengths in the United States is the democratic participation of her citizens.

Easter Egg-Citement!

Bring your children to enjoy egg-straordinary activities, an egg hunt, and light refreshments. The Easter Bunny will make a special visit to pose for pictures with your child. For children 9 and under (*children must be accompanied by an adult*). For more information call (414) 645 – 4624.

When: Sat., April 11, 2009, 11 a.m.

Where: Kosciuszko Community Center 2201 S. 7th Street



Advance ticket purchase required

Tickets are currently on sale Children (age 9 and under) - \$2 Adult – no charge

College Avenue Park-Ride Detour:

The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has begun work on the I-94 North - South corridor reconstruction project. WisDOT has already closed the College Avenue bridge over I-94 until November, limiting access to both the Northeast and Southwest park-ride lots. As a result of this closure and additional construction work that will begin in late May, MCTS has made significant changes in service on Route 40 (Holt-College Flyer), Route 40U (Holt-College UBUS), and Route 47 (S. 27th Street Flyer).

Route 40 will only serve the Ryan and College Park-Ride Lots. Service to the Holt Park-Ride Lot has been transferred to Route 47. Route 40U will continue to serve the Holt and College Park-Ride Lots, although its routing is detoured as a result of the bridge closure.

Every effort has been made to minimize the inconvenience created by these detours. We encourage riders to check the new schedule for your route as times will be different from those currently in place and to look for updates throughout the construction project. For more updates on the I-94 project, visit www.plan94.org.

MCTS Route 90 Service to Brewers Games

Milwaukee Brewers fans will be able to catch a Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Route 90 (Miller Park) bus on Wisconsin Avenue from the Downtown Transit Center to Miller Park starting on opening day.

Route 90, which will serve all home games, begins two hours before game time. On opening day, April 10th, against the Chicago Cubs, and specific games with projected heavy attendance, buses will operate every 10 minutes. During all other home games, buses will operate approximately every 30 minutes.

Route 90 begins at the Downtown Transit Center and makes stops along Wisconsin Avenue. From Van Buren to 10th Street, the buses stop roughly every two blocks. After 10th Street, Rt. 90 stops about every four blocks up to N. 38th St. Rt. 90 drops off passengers at the MCTS Transit Area on Yount Drive on the north side of Miller Park. Return trips operate from Yount Dr. along Wisconsin Ave. to the Downtown Transit Center. After the game is completed, buses leave from the MCTS Transit Area at Miller Park up to one-half hour after the game.

Route 90 will continue its regular route along Wisconsin Ave., even when construction season starts and other routes may be detoured.

Brewers fans can also ride Route 10 (Humboldt-Wisconsin) and Route 18 (National Ave.) that stop within walking distance of Miller Park.

Fares for Routes 10, 18 and 90 are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors (65 and over) and disabled individuals with identification, and children 6 through 11 years.

For specific route and schedule information, call the MCTS BusLine at 414-344-6711, any day at any time or call from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, to speak to an information agent. You can also visit <u>RideMCTS.com</u>.

Bay View Neighborhood and Beach Clean Up

The Bay View Neighborhood Association, along with the South Shore Park Watch and Bay View Community Center, is proud to announce its commitment to a cleaner earth by sponsoring a neighborhood and beach clean-up.

When: Saturday, April 25

- Registration and coffee 8:30-9:00am
- Clean-up 9:00-noon

Where: South Shore Park Pavilion

Crews of volunteers will be dispersed throughout Bay View, including South Shore Park, Bay View Park Beach, KK Avenue, the KK River and other locations.

Lunch will be served for volunteers noon-1:00p.m. back at the South Shore Pavilion.

Free Zoo admission on Saturday, April 4

Visitors to the Milwaukee County Zoo can get free admission on Saturday, April 4, as part of "Family Free Days."

Also on Saturday, kids and families can share either breakfast or lunch with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast will be served at 9a.m. and lunch festivities will take place at noon in the Peck Welcome Center.

While admission to the zoo will be free that day, the parking fee will remain in effect. The zoo is open from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m.

For more information, or to make reservations for the breakfast and lunch, click here.

You can be the star of a TV Commercial!

As a result of today's economy, we know many people have started riding the bus as a way to save money and we want to share their stories. Bus riders will be featured in some upcoming TV commercials and you could be our next star! Love riding the bus? Saving money as a result? If you feel this describes you, click here or go to yourotherwheels.com and fill out an application. Hurry, the deadline is April 17, 2009. Good luck!

Contestants must live in southeastern Wisconsin, be 18 years of age or older, be willing to be videotaped for television commercials and sign release forms.

Applications are due no later than Friday, April 17, 2009. Finalists will be notified by May 1, 2009. Interviews and final production will take place in May. Dates are subject to change.

April Neighborhood Group Meetings:

Oklahoma Gardens Neighborhood Association Contact: Wendy Safron at (414) 643-0766
No meeting in April

Holler Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: President, Chris Kuester at 769-1815

April Meeting

When: Monday, April 27, 7:00p.m.

Where: Holler Park Easter Seals Pavilion

Uncas Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Connie Wilson

759-9009 (cell) or 762-6959 (home)

April Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 19,6:30p.m.

Where: House of Hamburg, 5937 S Howell Ave.

Holt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Diane Kosarzycki at (414) 645-1967

Call Diane for meeting information

Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association

Contact: Al Dunham at (414) 482-0494

Call Al for meeting information

Humboldt Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Ruth Simos at (414) 483-9330 r.simos@sbcglobal.net

Call Ruth for meeting information **When:** Tuesday, April 14, 7pm **Where:** Humboldt Park Pavilion

City Meadows Neighborhood Association Contact: Cindi Herzog at (414) 817-8000 When: Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: Sholes Education complex – 4965 South 20th St.

Town of Lake Neighborhood Association Contact: Paul Gessner at (414) 482-2261

When: April 2, 2009 at 6:30pm

Where: 4001 S. 6th Street (at the Water Tower)

Bay View Neighborhood Association

Contact: Patty Thompson

(414) 403-8003 or (414) 297-9783 bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org

April Environment & Transportation Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sven's European Café - 2669 S KK Avenue

Wilson Park Neighborhood Association Contact: Scott Spiker at (414) 647-1774

April Meeting

When: Thursday, April 9, 6-8p.m. **Where:** Wilson Park Pavilion

Garden District Neighborhood Association
Contact: Michael Murphy at (414) 364-8762

April Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 21, 6:30p.m.

Where: 1122 W Boden Ct. 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tippecanoe Park Watch

Contact: 278-4252 No Meeting in April



Supervisor Chris Larson leading a panel discussion at the 2009 Great Lakes Urban Exchange Conference last month in Milwaukee.